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Title: METHOD FOR EMBEDDING IMAGE, AUDIO AND VIDEO
WATERMARKS IN DIGITAL DATA

AMENDMENT WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Official Action mailed August 11, 2004 for the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully seek allowance of the allowable claims as amended herein. Applicants also respectfully request a three-month extension of time to respond to the Final Office Action mailed on August 11, 2004. A Request for Continued Examination is filed concurrently herewith. A check is enclosed for the fee for an extension of

time. The Commissioner is also hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4377.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the complete listing of all claims in the application beginning at page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin at page 16 of this paper.

Summary Of The Office Action of August 11, 2004:

- Claims 65-100 were indicated to be allowable as written,
- Claims 104-116, 122, 124-125 were indicated to be allowable contingent upon amendments to incorporate limitations of base claims.
- Claims 101-103, 117-119, and 126-128 were rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,359,998 to Cooklev.
- Claims 119-121 and 123 were rejected as being obvious over the combination of Cooklev and U.S. Patent No. 6,427,020 to Rhoads.